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Canton

1. On 13 September the Chinese Communist naval tugs NAN FANG (0589/2455) 1 and 2 were anchored along the East Bund, opposite the Lingnan University, Canton. The NAN FANG 1 and 2 were formerly the UNRRA vessels MARBLE and PAUL.
2. On 14 September the naval vessel HAI YING (3189/5391),¹ a 120-foot wooden vessel, was anchored along the East Bund to the east of the Pearl River bridge.
3. On 17 September the LST's 3-122 and 3-142 were anchored at the Butterfield and Swire wharf in Honan, Canton.² A vessel, similar to the HAI YING, was also anchored at the wharf.

Swatow

4. On 23 September the NAN HAI 169, formerly the HSIN MEN (2450/7024),³ arrived in Swatow from Canton and anchored at the number 9 buoy. The ship flew a red flag and was unloading a dangerous cargo.
5. On 23 September two small gunboats were moored at the Naval Pier in Swatow. The gunboats were painted grey and had the numbers 3-572 and 3-582 painted in white.

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Comments

25X1A1. the HAI YING was observed anchored at the identical

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position and on the same date by another merchant seaman.

25X1A 2. [] the vessels 3-122 and 3-142 were reported as LCI's which were anchored off the Butterfield and Swire wharf, Back Reach, on 16 and 17 September.

3. The HSIN MIN has been running regularly between Canton and Swatow; see
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